SCARBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,
Area Health Office,
Northway,
Scarborough.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1972

TO: The Chairman and Members of the Scarborough Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for 1972.

I feel sure that the Council will agree that the report shows a satisfactory state of health in the Council's area.

An unusual item appears in the list of infectious disease notifications. Leptospirosis is a group of acute infections which are endemic among many species of wild mammals and also among most domestic animals.

Human beings are infected by contact with the urine of infected animals, the causal organism penetrating the skin. People who work among animals are among the most likely victims. Others may be infected while swimming in infected water. Transmission from man to man is negligible. Vaccination of farm and pet animals is a valuable prevention measure.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W.G. EVANS,

M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

The following Committees of the Scarborough Rural District Council are concerned with matters of public health viz:-

Health and Housing Committee

Public Works Committee

Also the Health Committee of the North Riding County Council.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population

The mid-year population estimated by the Registar-General at 11990 shows in increase of 340 compared with 1971.

Births

A total of 161 LIVE AND STILL Births gave a crude birth-rate of 13.4 per 1,000 population.

Live Births	Male	Female	TOTAL
Legitimate	72	83	155
Illegitimate	4	2	6
	76	85	161

Illegitimate LIVE Births per cent of total of LIVE Births = 3%

Still Births	Male	Female	TOTAL
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	-	1	1

Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)

	Male	Female	TOTAL
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	-	1	1

Maternal Deaths for England and Wales (including abortions) = 0.15

Year	Population	Live & Still Births	LIVE Birth Rate, per 1,000 population (adjusted)	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	Infant Deaths	Rate per 1000 live birth	Still Births	Rate per 1000 live and still births
1968	10130	154	19.5	128	7.8	2	13.2	3	19.4
1969	10310	183	23.2	154	9.7	1	5.0	1	5.0
1970	10340	147	18.5	157	9.9	1	7.0	1	7.0
1971	11650	158	17.8	125	7.0	2	13.0	-	-
1972	11990	161	14.3	145	9.4	1	6.0	1	6.0
England and Wales		734199	14.8	591907	12.1	12494	17.0	8794	12.0

Infant Mortality Rates:-

Total infant deaths per 1000 LIVE Births 6.0

Neo-Natal Mortality Rates (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births) 6.0

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rates (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births) ..... -

Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1000 total live) and STILL BIRTHS 6.0

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)
Number of deaths ..... NIL
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ..... -

DEATHS

Causes of Death	Male	Female
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, Etc.	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	7	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	7	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	4
Leukaemia	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	8	6
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-
Mental Disorders	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	-	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	19	12
Other forms of Heart Disease	3	8
Cerebrovascular Disease	10	19
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	-	4
Hypertensive Disease	2	1
Pneumonia	-	1
Influenza	1	-
Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	1
Other disease of Digestive System	-	3
Multiple Sclerosis	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1
Motor Vehicle accidents	3	-
All other accidents	1	-
Diseases of Skin Subcutaneous Tissue	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	1	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	72	73

Infectious Diseases

Notifications

Scarlet Fever	1
Food Posioning	5
Measles	95
Infective Jaundice	2
Tuberculosis (Resp.)	1
Leptospirosis	2
Whooping Cough	15
TOTAL	121

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47

It was not necessary during the year to take action on behalf of the Authority under this Section which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital or other institutions of persons in need of care and attention and not receiving it from any other person.

The following part of this Report was prepared by Mr. W.R. Ayrton, the Public Health Inspector, viz:-

Council Offices,
West Parade Road,
Scarborough.

The Chief Public Health Inspector's Report for the year ended 31.12.72

General Remarks

I submit my report for 1972, a year which has seen much progress made in a number of fields.

Increased improvement grant payments, have resulted in a record number of grant applications, approximately double that recorded in 1971.

The Councils Housing Improvement Programme relating to its own property has also gathered momentum, though a shortage of contractors willing to tender has resulted in somewhat slower progress than was envisaged, and greater efforts will be required in the coming year to achieve the Councils target of 336 dwellings modernised.

Works have commenced on the construction of an elderly persons bungalow estate at Beck Hole, Cayton, and plans prepared for a further similar estate at Bell Close, Seamer.

Extensions to the Seamer Sewage Treatment Works were completed satisfactorily during the year, and the treated sewage now leaving the works is of a standard considerably higher than that recommended by the Royal Commission on Sewage Disposal.

Refuse Disposal continues to present a problem. The Council's existing tipping facilities will fulfil our needs for the coming year, but although a consortium of local authorities within the area is at present seeking planning consent to obtain lands in the Cayton Carrs for refuse disposal purposes, this Council will be faced with the need to acquire further tipping space before 1974.

My thanks are due to the Chairman of the Council and the Committees, the Councillors, my staff and workmen and all my colleagues for the co-operation and help they have given during the year.

W. R. AYRTON,

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ..... -

HOUSING

(a) New Housing

117 new houses were completed by private enterprise during the year.

Work commenced during September on the site for twenty-eight elderly persons bungalows, wardens house and community centre, at Beck Hole, Cayton.

Planning consent has been obtained for the erection of a further twenty-six elderly persons bungalows together with a wardens house and community centre at Bell Close, Seamer, and it is anticipated that work on site will commence early 1973.

(b) Improvement and Standard Grants

During the year 81 applications for Improvement Grant and one application for Standard Grant were approved, making a total of 550 grants approved since the Acts came into force.

Progress was made during the year on the Council's housing improvement programme, and at the end of the year eighty-nine dwellings had been improved, and a further five were undergoing alteration works. The Council faces the problem of lack of contractors willing to tender for the works.

(c) Action under the Housing Act, 1957

Number of houses inspected for defects	59
Number of houses unfit for human habitation	16
(a) in clearance areas (Cayton)	10
(b) number of houses closed	2
(c) in respect of which undertakings were accepted	2
(d) in respect of which demolition orders made...	NIL
Number of houses capable of repair	24
Number of unfit houses made fit by informal action	NIL
Number of houses demolished	3
Number of inspections made	85

(d) Buildings and other new development

Of 454 applications received and dealt with under the Building Regulations, 1965, 428 were approved, the balance being outstanding at the end of the year.

421 applications for consideration under the Town and Country Planning Acts were received and forwarded to the No. 6 Area Planning Committee of the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council for consideration, together with this Council's observations.

WATER SUPPLIES

4111 yards of new water main were laid in this Council's area during the year by the Scarborough Corporation Water Undertaking.

At the end of the year 4648 dwellings were connected to the main water supplies. Thirteen satisfactory bacteriological samples were taken from private supplies in the Council's area by this Council's officials, and a further five similar samples proved to be unsatisfactory. All 404 bacteriological samples taken by the Water Undertaking's officials from its own supplies were satisfactory as were 30 chemical samples.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

1. General

Extensions to the Seamer Sewage Treatment Works were completed during the year and the new works officially opened on 23rd May, 1972. A considerable improvement to the effluent has been achieved, sample results being as much as 50% above River Authority requirements.

Work on the sewerage scheme to serve the caravan and camping sites on Gristhorpe and Lebberston Cliffs was commenced, and the new scheme will be in operation prior to the commencement of the 1973 caravaning season.

Due to increased building in the Burniston area, the effluent from the Burniston Sewage Treatment Works is deteriorating. A scheme for extensions to these works will be presented in 1973.

2. Connections to Sewers

The drainage from 116 new houses was connected to the Council's sewers, together with that from eight existing dwellings. Four new houses were provided with septic tank drainage systems.

At the end of the year statistics relating to the water carriage system of drainage were:-

No. of houses with water carriage systems	4731
No. of houses without water carriage systems	79
No. of conversions to water carriage systems during 1972 ...	8

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are sixty-three licensed caravan sites, with a total of 2713 caravans, within the Council's area, and five tented sites (three being part of licensed caravan sites) catering for a total of 185 tents.

Conditions remain generally satisfactory. A new site catering exclusively for touring caravans opened during the year and was fully occupied throughout the season; this emphasises the need for the provision of further sites for tourers in this area.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The refuse collection service continued to operate satisfactorily throughout the year, and the Councils bulk container service has been extended to meet the growing demand from industrialists and camping sites within the area. It is anticipated that the demand for this service will continue.

Outline planning applications for a site for a pulveriser and a tip to receive pulverised and trade refuse were submitted to the North Riding County Council in April by the Scarborough Borough Council acting on behalf of Scalby Urban District, Filey Urban District and the Scarborough Rural District. Negotiations are still taking place with the North Riding County Council.

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ..... -

FOOD HYGIENE

Business	Nos.
Grocers	42
Butchers	9
Fish and Chips	6
Catering	42
Licensed Premises	29

47 inspections were carried out and in six instances unsatisfactory conditions were found. These had been remedied by the end of the year. 42 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. There are no commercial poultry processing premises in the Council's area.

MEAT INSPECTIONS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The following information is given in connection with the two private slaughterhouses operating within the Council's area:-

Number of meat inspection visits made	159
Number of animals inspected	730
Weight of meat considered unfit for human consumption	273 lbs.

In addition, the Scarborough Corporation abattoir is sited in the area, the Council having an arrangement for meat inspection to be carried out by the Borough Council. Further information is given in Appendix 'B'

PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES

18 inspections were carried out, and 5 nuisances found to exist. 4 of these had been abated at 31st December, 1972.

Malodour from the frying process at a frozen chip factory in the area, continues to create a nuisance to the residents in its vicinity, and although several possible remedies have been investigated, a final solution has still to be achieved.

Two noise nuisances at other factories in the area still create problems but in one case comprehensive building works to alleviate the nuisance are due to commence early in 1973.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1960

No problems have arisen during the year, due in part to the extension of the Council's bulk container service to include premises previously burning industrial waste.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

41 inspections were carried out and 4 unsatisfactory conditions were found.

No accidents were reported.

RODENT CONTROL

Properties other than sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	80	8
Number infested by		
(i) Rats	71	7
(ii) Mice	9	1
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	36	8
Number infested by		
(i) Rats	29	5
(ii) Mice	7	3

There are no cases of sewer infestation, the Council's sewers being inspected and test baited throughout the year.

APPENDIX 'A' TO THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1972

Described particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which S.1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.'s	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which S.7 is enforced by L.A.'s	83	33	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which S.7 is enforced by the L.A. (including outworkers premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	83	33	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found - 3

3. Part VII of the Act - Outwork (Sections 110 and 111) - NIL

APPENDIX 'B' TO THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1972

MEAT INSPECTIONS AND CONDEMNATIONS

	CATTLE	CALVES	PIGS	SHEEP
Number killed	178	1	41	510
Number inspected	178	1	41	510
All diseases except Tuberculosis:- Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	24	-	-	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	13.483%	-	-	1.176%
Tuberculosis only:- Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-